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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO TUNE
ROTOR'S TORSIONAL NATURAL
FREQUENCY BY GEOMETRY OF
ROTOR WINDING SLOT

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AMENDMENT

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In the Claims:

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A rotor comprising:

a rotor shaft;

a cylindrically configured rotor body formed as part
of the shaft and having a plurality of radially projecting
winding teeth that define winding slots for receiving winding
wire therein, said winding slots having a bottom portion
spaced radially inward;

at least one first winding slot having a tuning slot
that extends radially inward from the bottom thereof a
distance that tunes the rotor to a desired torsional natural
frequency; and

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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